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SUBJECT: POLAND SUPPORTS U.S. POSITION ON COUNTRY SPECIFIC RESOLUTIONS AT THIRD COMMITTEE, WITHIN CONTEXT OF EU COMMON POSITION

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Classified By: Political Counselor Mary Curtin, reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

- 11. (C) SUMMARY. Pol External Chief delivered reftel demarches upon receipt to Miroslaw Luczka, Deputy Director of the MFA UN Department. Luczka confirmed that, consistent with the EU common position, Poland would oppose procedural efforts to block consideration of Canadian, EU and U.S.-sponsored country specific resolutions in the UN Third Committee and oppose retaliatory resolutions put forward by the countries targeted. SUMMARY.
- 12. (C) Luczka said that Poland would support the U.S.-sponsored resolutions on Belarus and Uzbekistan as well as the Canadian-sponsored resolution on Iran. Given EU solidarity, there was no question that Poland would support the EU-sponsored resolutions on the DPRK and Burma.
- 13. (C) Luczka also said that Poland would oppose retaliatory resolutions, including the Iranian-sponsored censure of Canada and the Belarusian measures attacking the U.S. He commented, however, that the third Belarusian proposal attempting to limit the use of country specific resolutions had been crafted quite cleverly and might lead some nations to abstain rather than oppose it outright.
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